

In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A The method of claim 47, wherein the surgical first device comprising comprises two or more modular units, at least one of which is capable of being interchanged during surgery, including at least a cannula section and an applicator section, wherein the first device is suitable for delivery of at least one fluid during surgery and is capable of being provided in a sterilized condition, and wherein the first device further comprises at least one adaptor section.
- 2-5. (Canceled).
6. (Currently Amended) A device method according to Claim 1 47, wherein the device further comprises first articulating joint is a snap-fit ball and socket joint.
7. (Currently Amended) A device method according to Claim 1 47, wherein the device further comprises at least one first articulating joint having comprises both a taper fit connection and a snap-fit ball and socket connection.
8. (Currently Amended) A device method according to Claim 1 47, wherein the first device further comprises at least one of a valve and a limiting orifice.
9. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 3 47, in which the fluid therapeutic agent is contained by a fluid which forms at least one structure at the application site.
10. (Original). A method according to Claim 9, in which said structure includes sealings, adhesives, pavings, coatings, barriers, drug delivery depots, and tissue engineering matrices.

11. (Original) A method according to Claim 9, in which said fluid forms the structure at the site by at least one of precipitation, coacervation, gelation, spontaneous reaction, or reaction stimulated by application of energy.

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~device~~ method according to Claim 1 or 47, wherein said first device is assembled from modules wherein at least one module comprises a molded part.

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~device~~ method according to Claim 1 or 12, wherein the at least one module has the attribute of at least one of radio-opacity; color-coding; controlled flexibility; lack of magnetic responsiveness; intraoperative removability; and passability therethrough of optical fibers or sensors.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~device~~ method of Claim 1, wherein said applicator section is at least one of an open tube; a brush; a roller; a pad; a paddle; a nozzle; a molding member; and an expandable member.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~device~~ method according to Claim 1 or 47, wherein the first device is sterilizable by at least one of gamma irradiation, electron-beam irradiation, ethylene oxide sterilization, plasma treatment, and autoclaving.

16-18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) A ~~kit~~ method according to ~~claims 17 or 18~~ claim 47, wherein the therapeutic agent is selected for treatment of a predetermined medical condition.

20-29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) The ~~kit~~ method according to ~~claims 17 or 18~~ claim 47, wherein at least one of the units ~~removably attachable to each other~~ ~~further~~ comprises a molded part.

31. (Currently Amended) The kit method according to ~~claims 17 or 18~~ claim 47, wherein at least one of the units ~~removably attachable to each other~~ has the attribute of at least one of radio-opacity; color-coding; controlled flexibility; lack of magnetic responsiveness; intraoperative removability; and passability therethrough of optical fibers or sensors.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) The kit method according to claim ~~33~~ 1, wherein the applicator section is a brush.

35-36. (Canceled).

36. (Currently Amended) The kit method according to claim ~~35~~ 47, wherein at least two or more of the units ~~removably attachable to each other~~ slidably connect to one another in fluid communication with one another to form ~~an~~ the articulated joint.

37-38. (Canceled).

39. (Currently Amended) The kit method according to claim ~~22~~ 47, wherein ~~at least two of the units are removably attachable at an articulated joint, the first~~ articulated joint further ~~comprising~~ comprises a first slidably connectable piece and a second slidably connectable piece.

40. (Currently Amended) The kit method according to claim 39, wherein the first slidably connectable piece is affixed to the cannula section and the second slidably connectable piece is affixed to the applicator section.

41-46. (Canceled).

47. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting surgery, the method comprising:

accessing a treatment site with a first device through a cannula, wherein the first device is a single component device or a multicomponent device comprising a first unit and a second unit, the first and second units together defining a first articulating joint such that the two units which define the first articulating joint can move in three dimensions relative to each other;

delivering a therapeutic agent to the treatment site via the first device;

altering the first device to form a second device by carrying out at least one of adding a component to the first device, removing a component from the first device, and replacing a component the first unit of the first device with another component a third unit to form the second device, such that the second and third units together define a second articulating joint wherein the two units which define the second articulating joint can move in three dimensions relative to each other; and

delivering a therapeutic agent to the treatment site via the second device.

48-52. (Canceled).

53. (Currently Amended) A system method as in claim 50 47, wherein the first articulating joint facilitates at least 90° rotational movement of the distal portion first unit relative to the proximal portion second unit.

54. (Currently Amended) A system method as in claim 50 47, wherein the first articulating joint facilitates at least 180° rotational movement of the distal portion first unit relative to the proximal portion second unit.

55. (Currently Amended) A system method as in claim 50 47, wherein the first articulating joint facilitates 360° rotational movement of the distal portion first unit relative to the proximal portion second unit.

56-58. (Canceled).